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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA GROUP: ICELANDIC LEGISLATION STUCK IN
CLEARANCE PROCESS

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Classified By: AMBASSADOR CAROL VAN VOORST, REASON 1.5 (D).

(C) Post discussed reftel points with Icelandic MFA Acting Political Director (and Head of Security and Disarmament Division) Thordur Bjarni Gudjonsson April 24. Gudjonsson confirmed that catch-all controls legislation has been drafted but regretted that it has been stuck for some time in the understaffed MFA Legal Adviser's office. The Legal Adviser has undertaken to approve the draft for delivery to the Althing (Icelandic Parliament) in time for the legislature's fall session, which will begin in October. (Note: The spring session is ending shortly to allow politicians to campaign in the run-up to municipal elections scheduled to be held nationwide May 27. End note.) Gudjonsson asserted that for practical purposes Iceland is meeting its nonproliferation obligations even in the absence of a comprehensive domestic legal regime.
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